



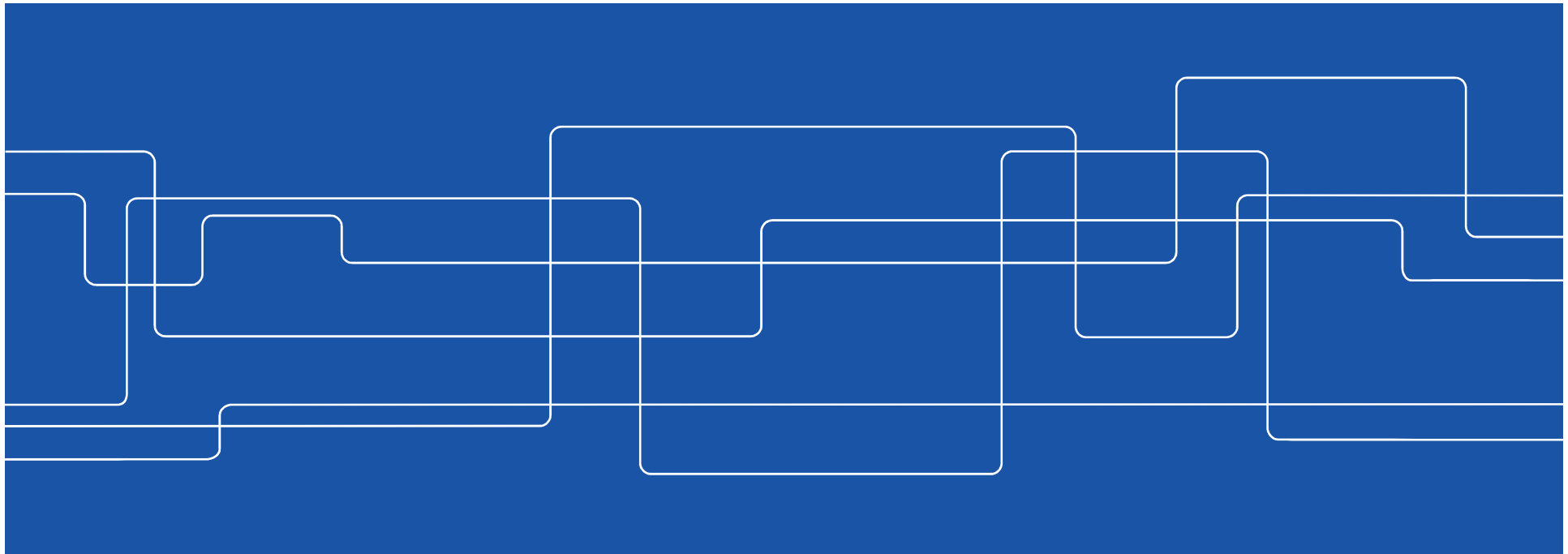
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# Importance of electrochemical and surface characteristics of a range of metal nanoparticles for environmental fate

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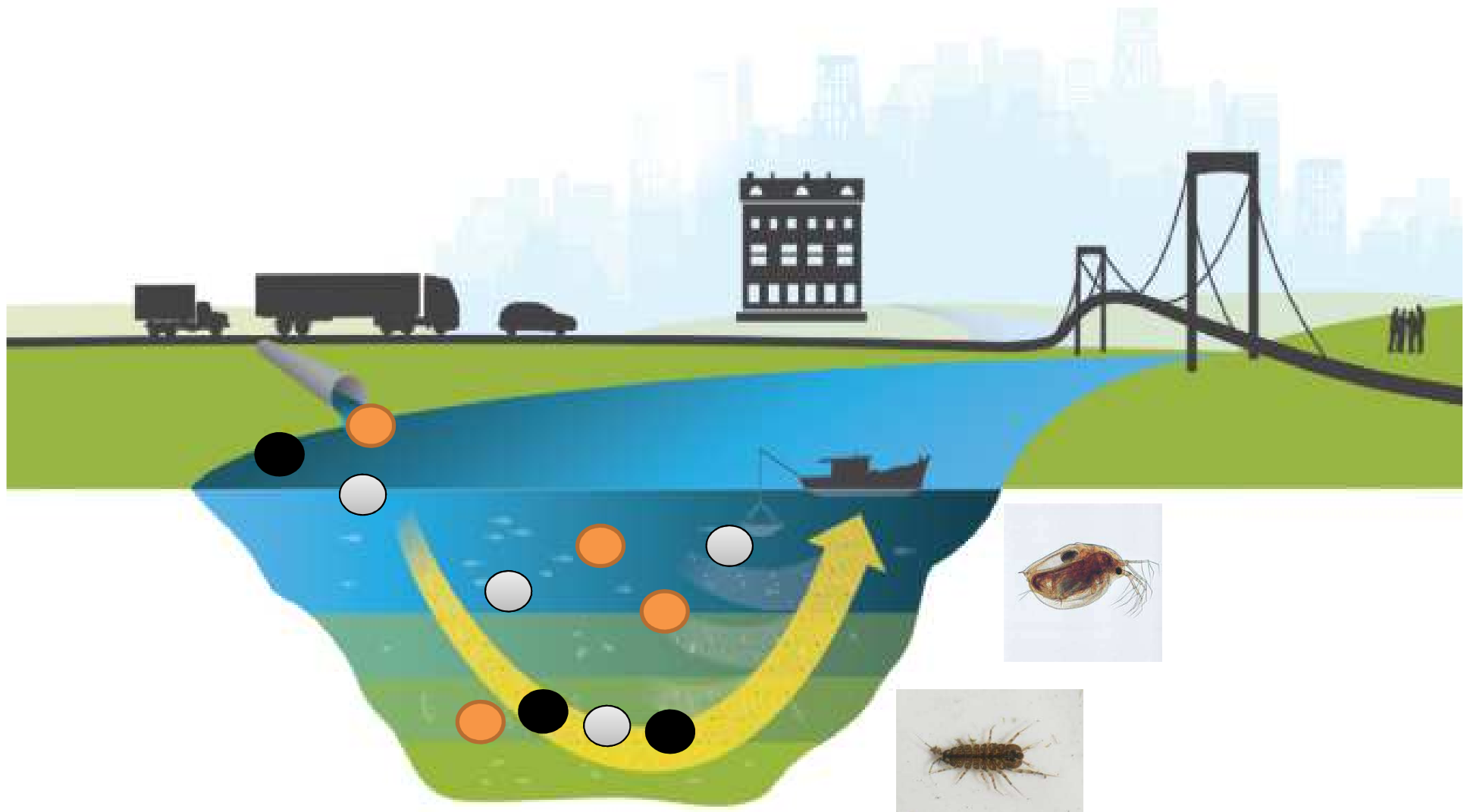
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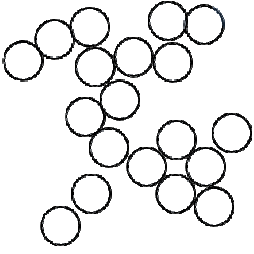




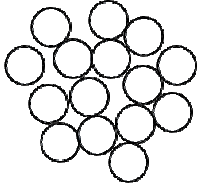
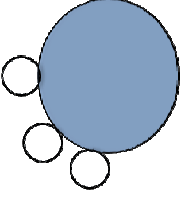
# Environmental transformations of metal nanoparticles



Fractal dimension



Heteroagglomeration

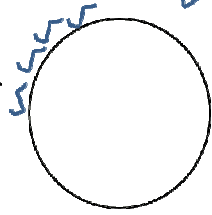


Aggregation and Agglomeration

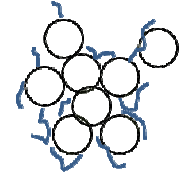
**Nanoparticle dissolution**

Surface reactions and properties  
Nanoparticle size and shape

Organic matter adsorption



Surface oxide



Electrochemistry



Crystallinity

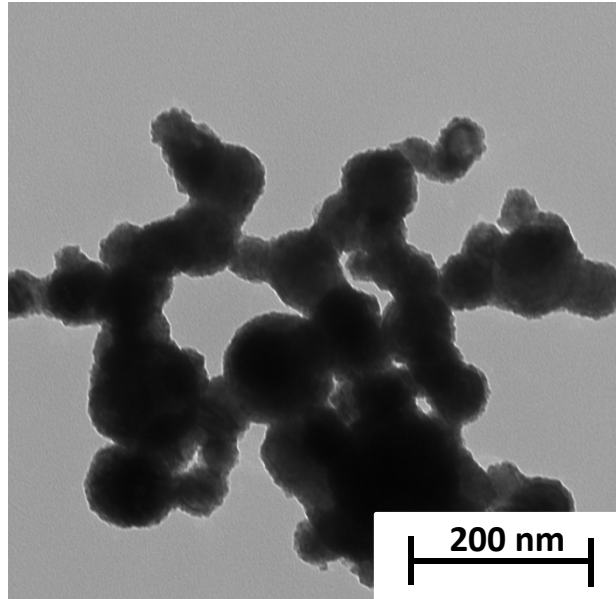


Kelvin effect

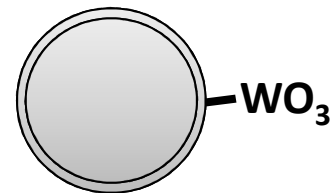
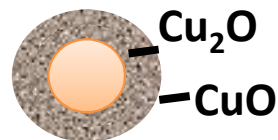
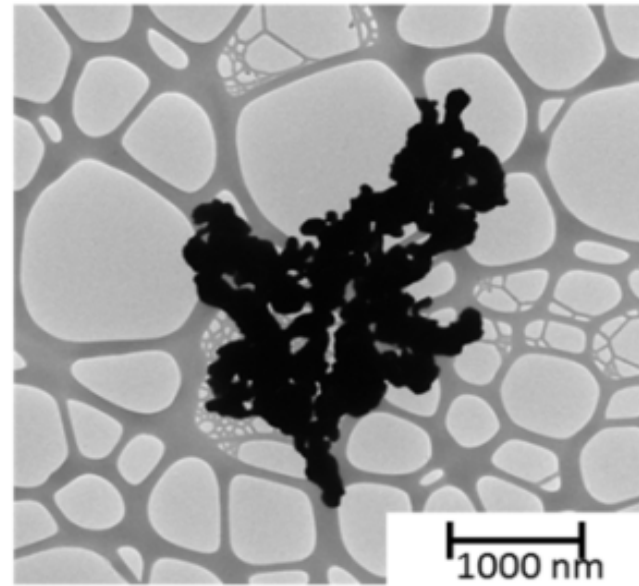


# Size, shape, and surface oxide of studied nanoparticles

Cu

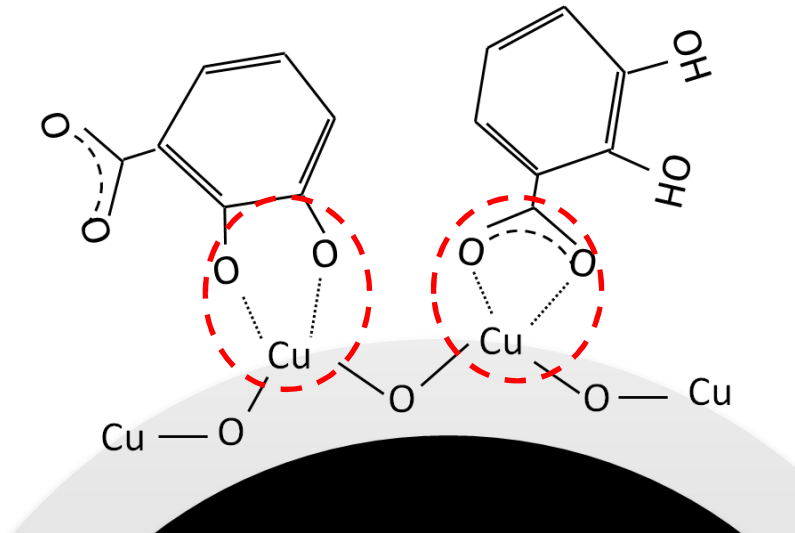


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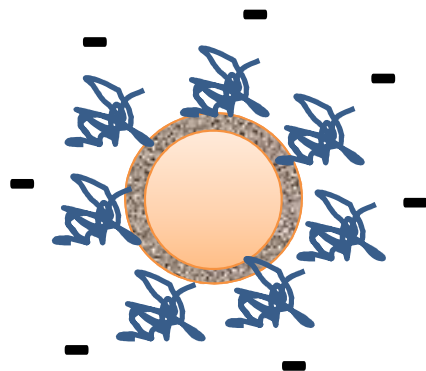
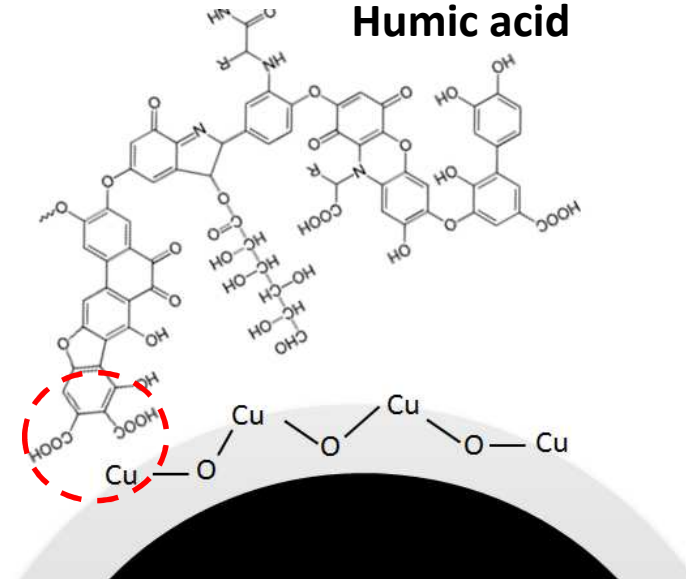


# Adsorption of natural organic matter on copper nanoparticles

Dihydroxybenzoic acid (DHBA)



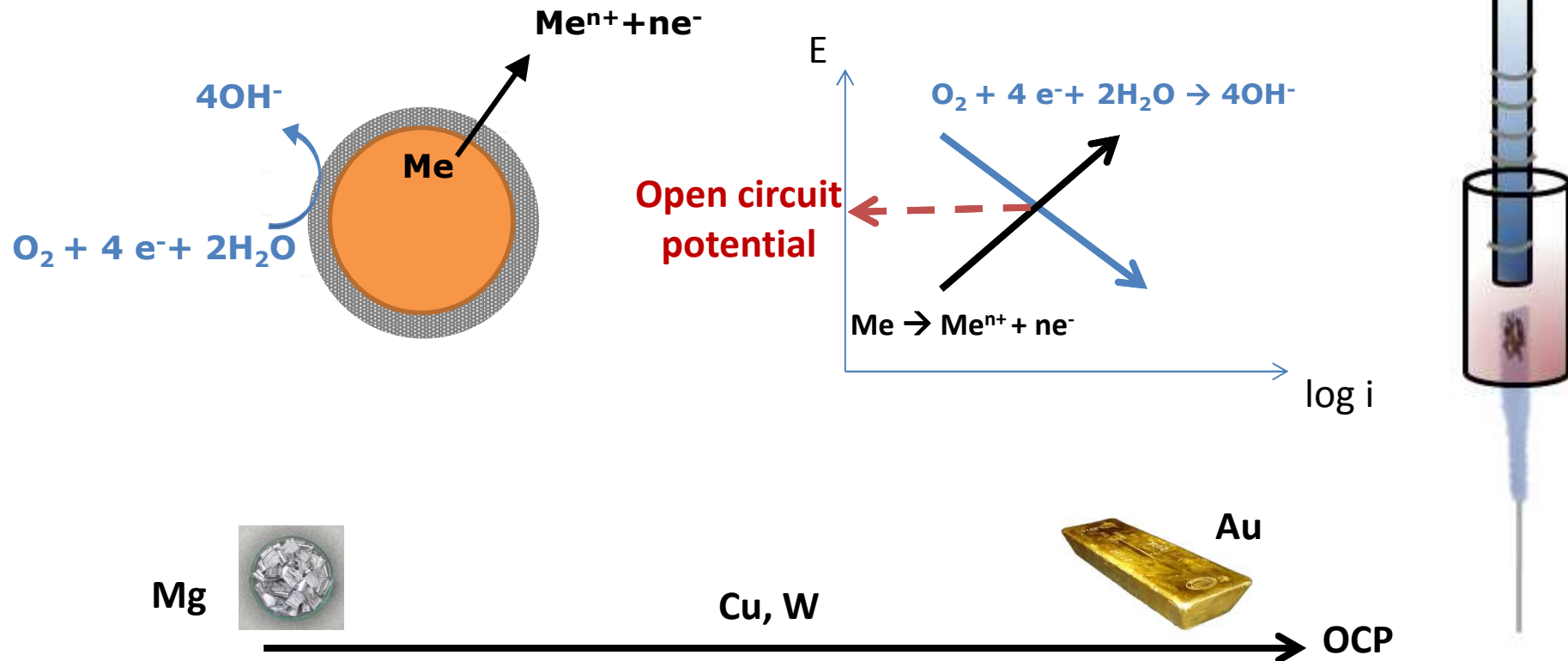
Humic acid



- Detection of adsorbed species through IR spectroscopy
- Increase negative charge and colloidal stabilization with adsorbed humic acid

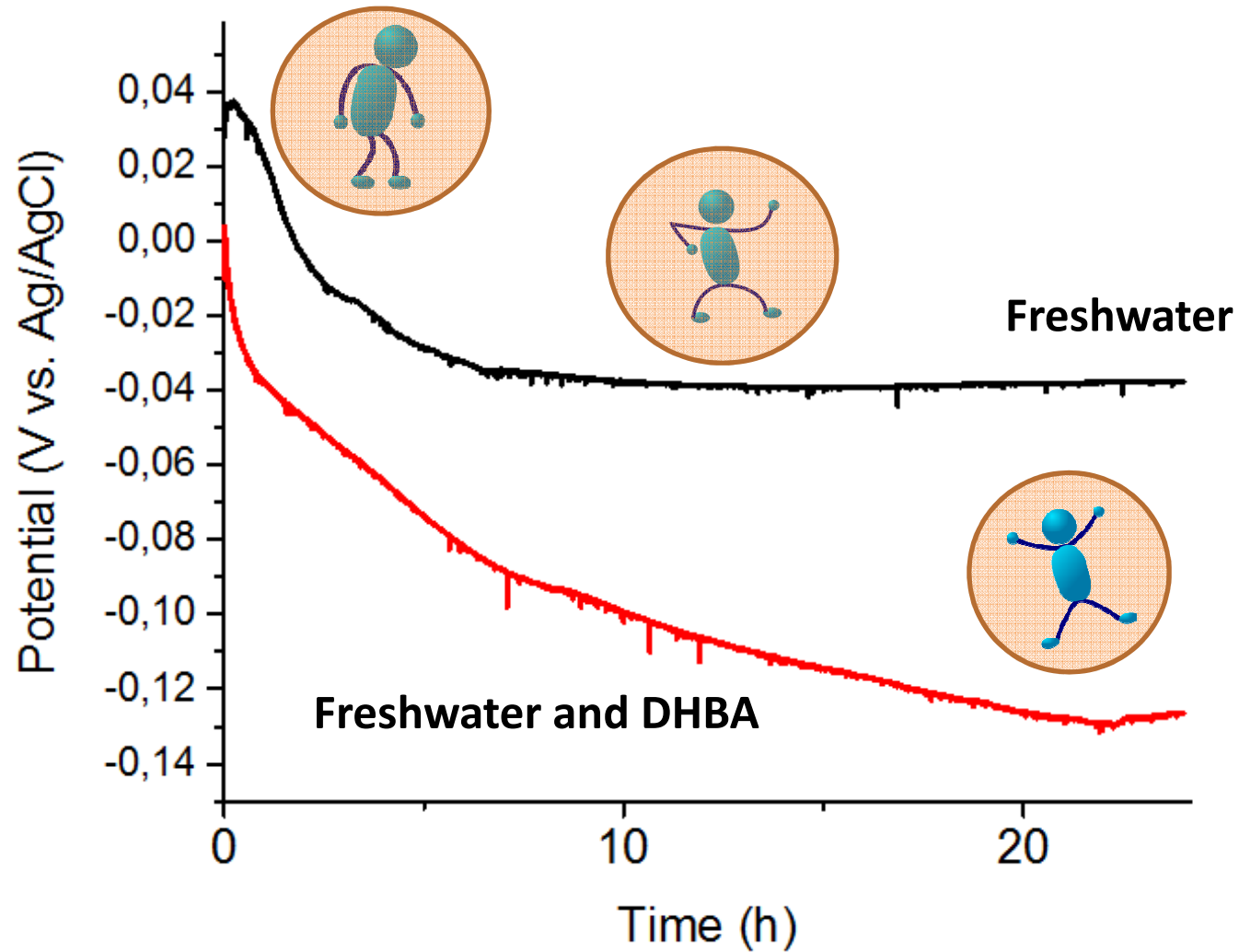


# Open circuit potential (OCP) of studied metal nanoparticles is influenced by adsorption of natural organic matter



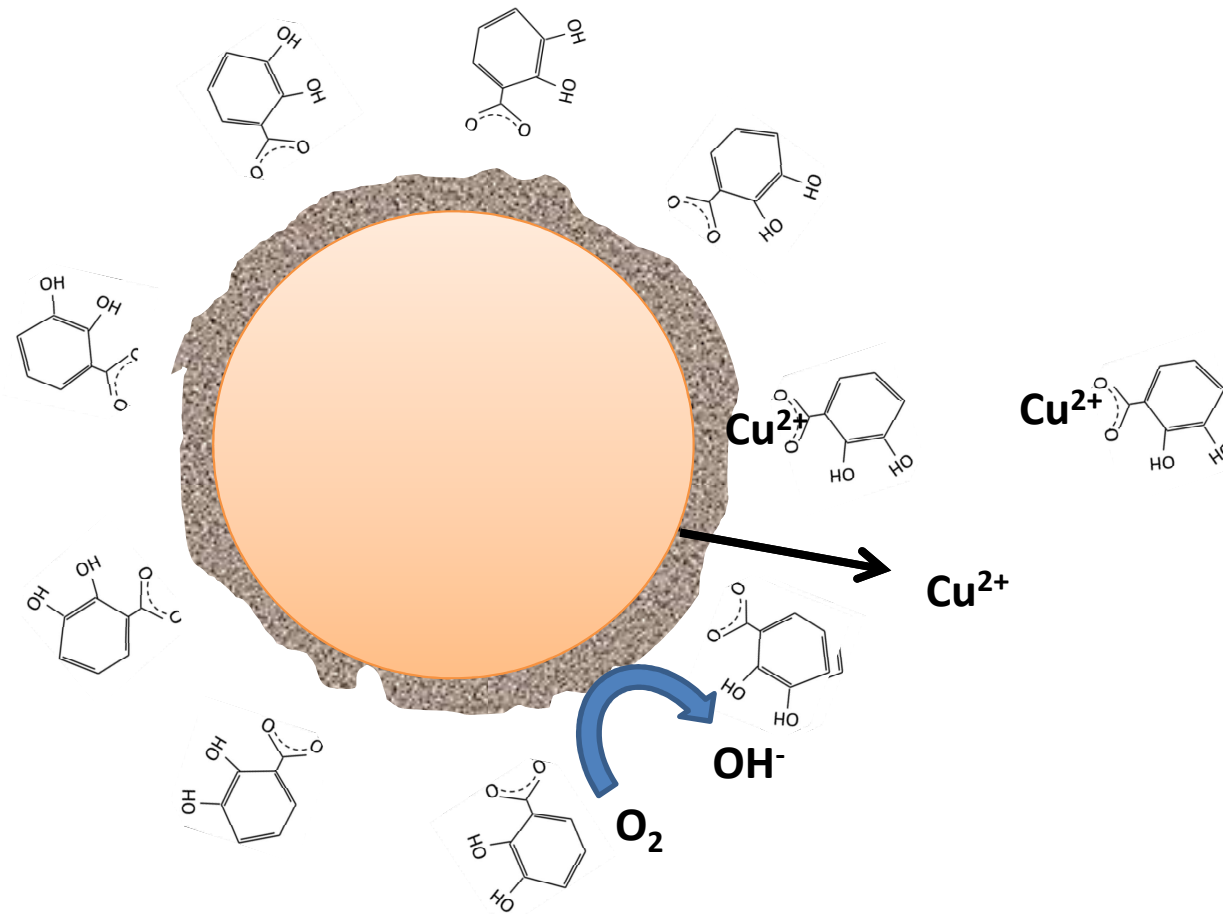


# Evolution of open circuit potential of copper nanoparticles



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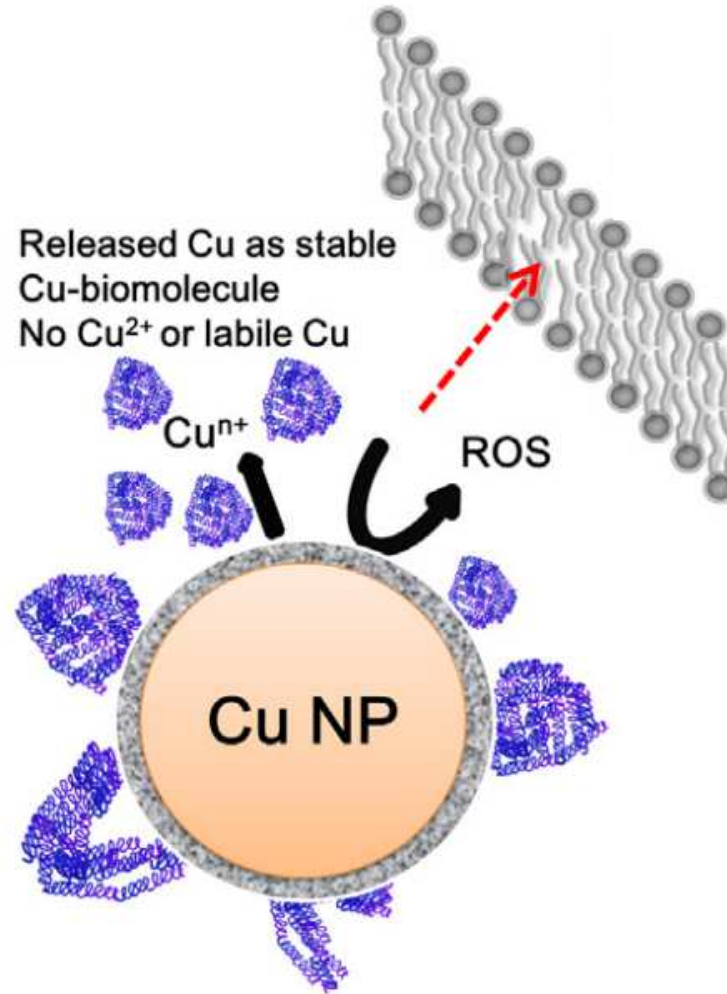
# Dissolution of copper nanoparticles assisted by adsorption-enhanced corrosion





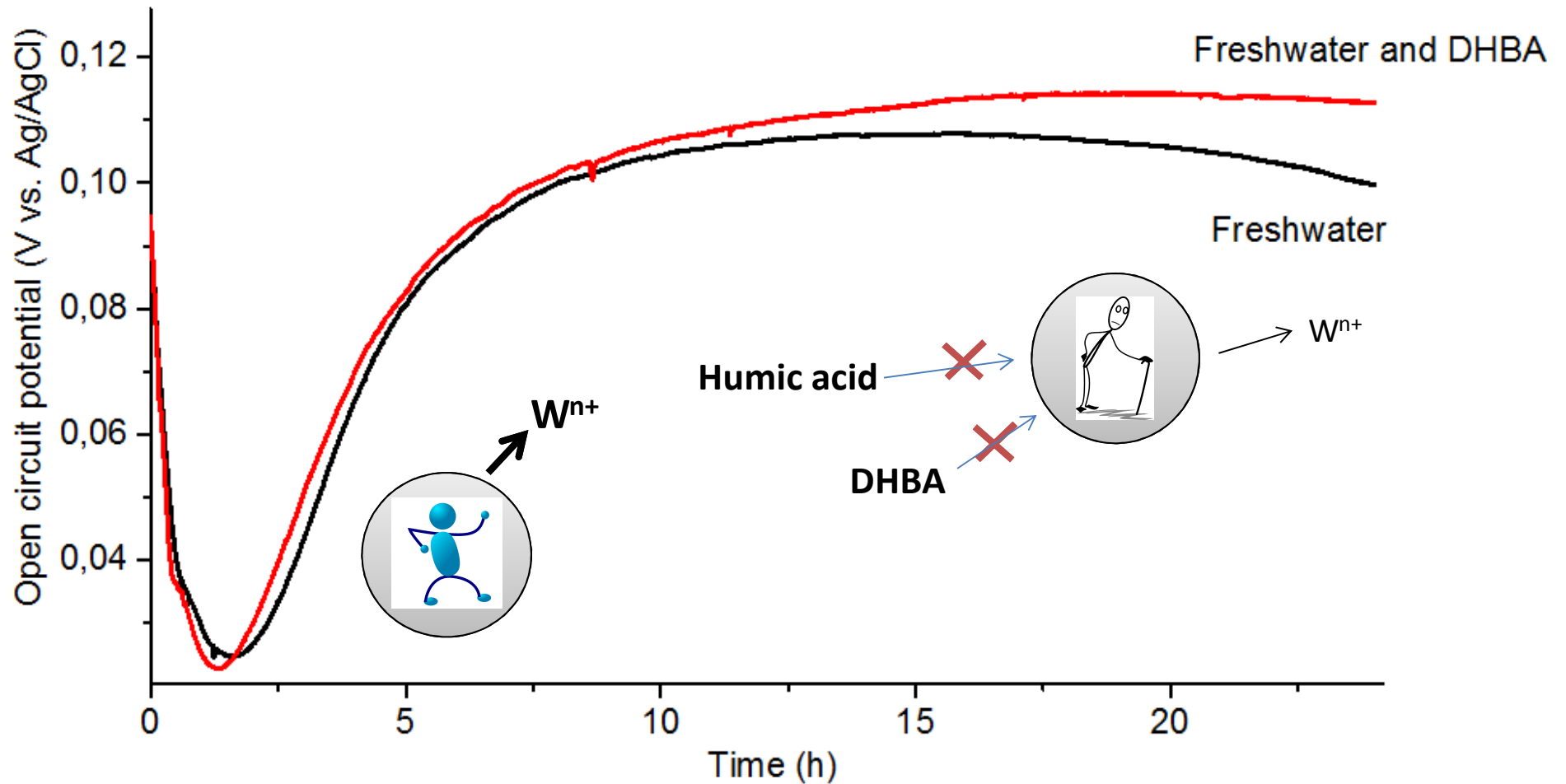


# Reactive oxygen species from corrosion reactions important for cell membrane damage





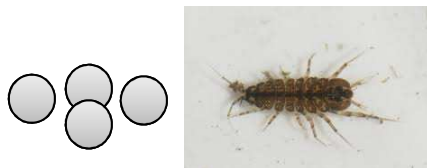
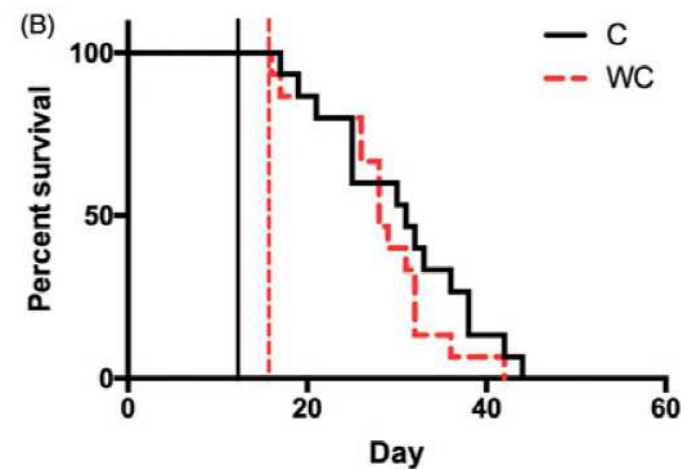
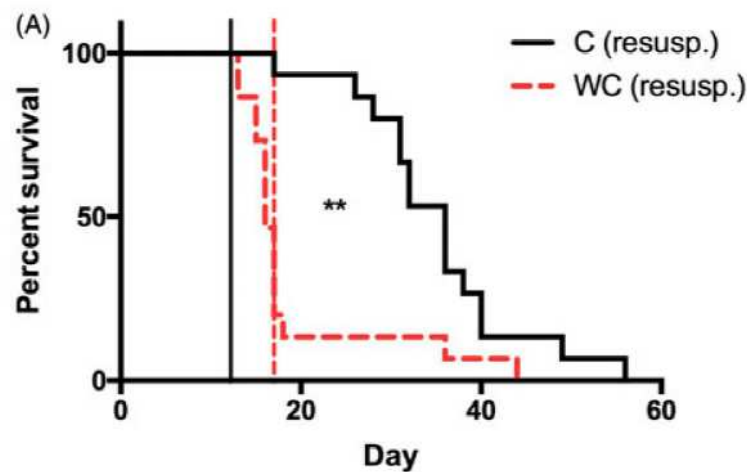
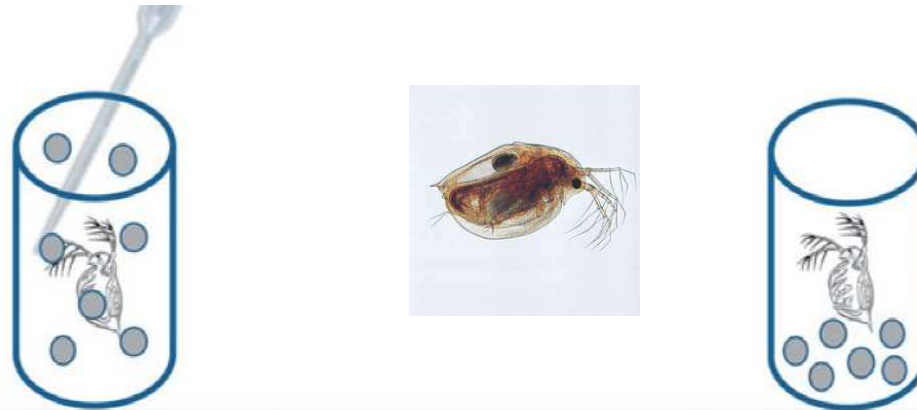
# Open circuit potential of tungsten carbide nanoparticles



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# Sedimentation decreases toxicity for *Daphnia*; bottom feeder *Asellus* unaffected



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## Summary

- **Natural organic matter influence electrochemical properties of copper nanoparticles**
- **Tungsten carbide nanoparticles unaffected by natural organic matter. Oxide stability leads to slow dissolution in environment.**





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